

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of making a polymeric composition, comprising:
dynamically vulcanizing a cross-linkable ethylene-propylene-diene rubber in a polyolefin
to provide a thermoplastic vulcanizate; and then

~~melt blending the dynamically vulcanized ethylene-propylene diene rubber in the
polyolefin with a styrenic block copolymer of after the dynamic vulcanization, combining the
thermoplastic vulcanizate with components consisting of a styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene
block copolymer, and, optionally, mineral oil to provide the polymeric composition.~~

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the polyolefin includes
polypropylene.

29-32. (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim [[30]] 26, wherein the
amount of the ~~styrenic~~ styrene-ethylene butylene-styrene block copolymer is at least about 5
parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.

34. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim 33, wherein the amount of
the ~~styrenic~~ styrene-ethylene butylene-styrene block copolymer is between about 5 parts and 400
parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.

35. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim 34, wherein the amount of
the ~~styrenic~~ styrene-ethylene butylene-styrene block copolymer is between 15 parts and 300 parts
per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~A composition~~ The method of claim 30, having wherein the
composition has a hardness less than about 50 Shore A.

37. (Currently Amended) ~~A composition~~ The method of claim 30, having wherein the
composition has a hardness between about 10 and 45 Shore A.

38-39. (Cancelled).

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40. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the mineral oil is included in the composition.

41. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the mineral oil is included in the composition.

42. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic vulcanizate is combined with the components using melt blending.